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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"The Inspector-General of Police is making a departmental enquiry."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—"Will the enquiry be a public one?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"It is a departmental enquiry."

Alleged beating of picketers on 4th May 1932 at Bezwada.

* 82 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that on 4th May 1932 the volunteers who were picketing foreign cloth shops peacefully with national flags in Bezwada were escorted by the sergeant and the police to the Krishna river bund and detained there till about 11 a.m. and then subjected to a severe cane and lathi charge;

(*b*) whether Balipalli Appalaswami and others who had so received injuries are treated in the Peoples Hospital; if so, whether the hon. the Home Member will be pleased to call for a statement from the medical officer in charge of the hospital regarding the number and the nature of their injuries and place them on the table of the House; and

(*c*) what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The Government have no information but have called for a report.

Mr. G. SIMHACHALAM PANTULU:—"Have the Government received the information at least now?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"No, Sir."

Alleged petition to the Collector of South Kanara, dated 21st May 1932, regarding police excesses.

* 83 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. K. Sundara Rao, B.A., LL.B., and several others sent a statement or a petition, dated 21st May 1932, to the Collector of South Kanara detailing the excesses committed by the police and the forest guards on the Congress volunteers who went to break the Forest Laws in the Herur Reserve Forest of Coondapoor taluk on 16th May 1932; if so, whether the hon. the Home Member will be pleased to place a copy of the same on the table of the House;

(*b*) whether the Collector of South Kanara enquired into the said petition; if so, what the result of the same is; and on whose evidence the enquiry is based; and

(*c*) what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?